

Asphalt Road

Cherokee Trail

Asphalt and mixed gravel road across most of the ridge. Rutted in places. A steady -gradual climb, and access to the overlook.

Foot-traffic-only single-track

Valdeau Crossing

Connector trail from Little Five Points to Gig City trail. About half is flat, and half a hill with some loose gravel and dirt.

The old community of Valdeau on the west side of Stringer's Ridge was near the present Mojo Burrito restaurant and had its own post office from 1897 to 1915.

Negley's Knoll

Loop to highest point on Stringer's Ridge. Mostly gradual climb with a couple short scrambles and some areas of loose dirt and gravel.

Union Gen. James Negley's 79th Pennsylvania Volunteers fired the first shell on Chattanooga during the Civil War on June 7, 1862.

Alta Vista

Steady climb with several areas of loose dirt, rocks and gravel.

Alta Vista, a farm owned by J.E. Sawyer, once extended west from Stringer's Ridge toward Dry Valley Road, now Dayton Boulevard, and White Oak Spring. Now known as the "Duck Pond," it was Gen. Sherman's secret camp during the Civil War. The Sawyer farm was acquired in the mid-1890s and converted into a cemetery, now Chattanooga Memorial Park.

Baldydash

Easy short-cut from near the Cherokee Trailhead to the foot of Old Baldy. Crosses Choo-Choo and ends with short climb up Old Baldy.

Multi-use single-track (more difficult)

■ "Blue loop" consists of Hill City, Double-J and Gig City and is approximately 6-miles of single-track. Not a technical trail as most roots and rocks have been cleared, but it will challenge many cyclists with its ups, downs and tight turns.

■ "Red loop" consists of Gig City and a short section on asphalt on Cherokee. Approximately 2 miles.

Please note that these are directional trails that change direction each day and have foot traffic and cyclists traveling in opposite directions. For cyclists, they flow clockwise on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday and counter-clockwise in Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. For hikers and trail runners, they flow counter-clockwise on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday and clockwise in Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Please read signs as entering these trails.

Hill City

Sometimes tight and windy single-track with tight climbing turns, fast descents and lots of hills. Caution at blind turns! Directional.

Double-J

Rolling, sweeping single-track with a few short climbs and a couple tight climbing turns. Caution at blind turns! Directional.

Gig City

Rolling single-track with a few extended climbs and tight climbing turns. Directional. *"Gig City" is Chattanooga's nickname thanks to the city's access 1 Gigabit-per-second Internet speed, the fastest in the Western Hemisphere.*

Spears Access

Long single-track hill with lots of turns. Caution at blind turns! Two-way traffic!

Multi-use single-track (easier)

Strut

Lightly rolling single-track loop with fun twists and turns. Great novice trail. Two-way.

Named for the Bessie Smith Strut, the annual celebration of American blues singer Bessie Smith, the "Empress of the Blues" born in Chattanooga on April 15, 1894.

Choo-Choo

Loop around Old Baldy that connects to top of Old Baldy and continues with one-way bike-only roller-coaster ride of rollers and berms. Great for all levels of riders.



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